(b) the number of proposals approved /still pending; and

(c) by when these proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) During the year 2005-2006 twenty two proposals were received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries. Sanction in respect of all of them have been issued and funds released.

(c) Does not arise.

Private-public partnership in afforestation/reforestation

2470. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for Private-public partnership in afforestation/reforestation or wasteland development;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) A Multi-Stakeholder Partnership (MSP) framework for forestation of degraded lands in the country has been mooted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The framework intends a tripartite arrangment among the State Government, the local community, and the sponsor from the private sector. The draft documents for the MSP framework have been discussed in meetings held on 1st December 2005 with Industry Associations, and on 12th January 2006 with Principal Secretary (Forests) and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of States and Union Territories.

(c) Does not arise.